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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]

Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 7:37 AM

To: Matunding; Helen Leimomi (DOL)

Subject: RE: Annual Halloween Costume Judging Party at Dept of Labor

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

From: Matunding, Helen Leimomi (DOL)

Sent: Friday, December 14, 2007 1:11 PM

To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)

Subject: Annual Halloween Costume Judging Party at Dept of Labor

Dear Governor Palin,

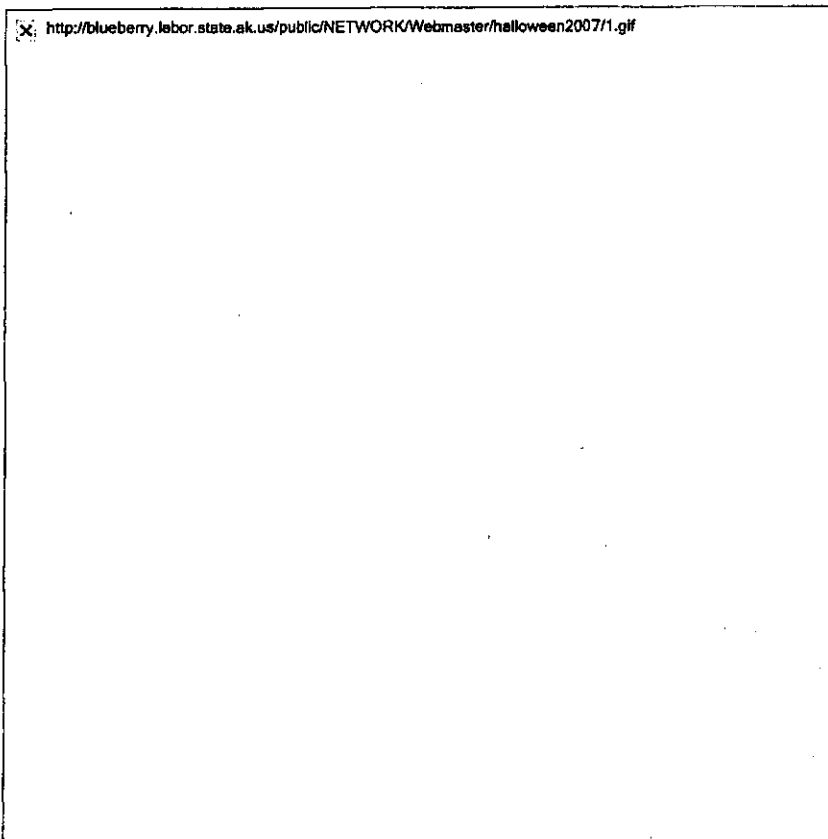
Enclosed is a copy of our 2007 Annual Halloween Costume Judging at Department of Labor. For several years, I have attempted to create a Halloween Party better than last years and it just gets better all the time! Everyone here has had a wonderful time being a child at heart so to speak. This year we had someone who was your double at the Halloween Party and won the best costume ever!

Happy Holidays,

Leimomi Matunding

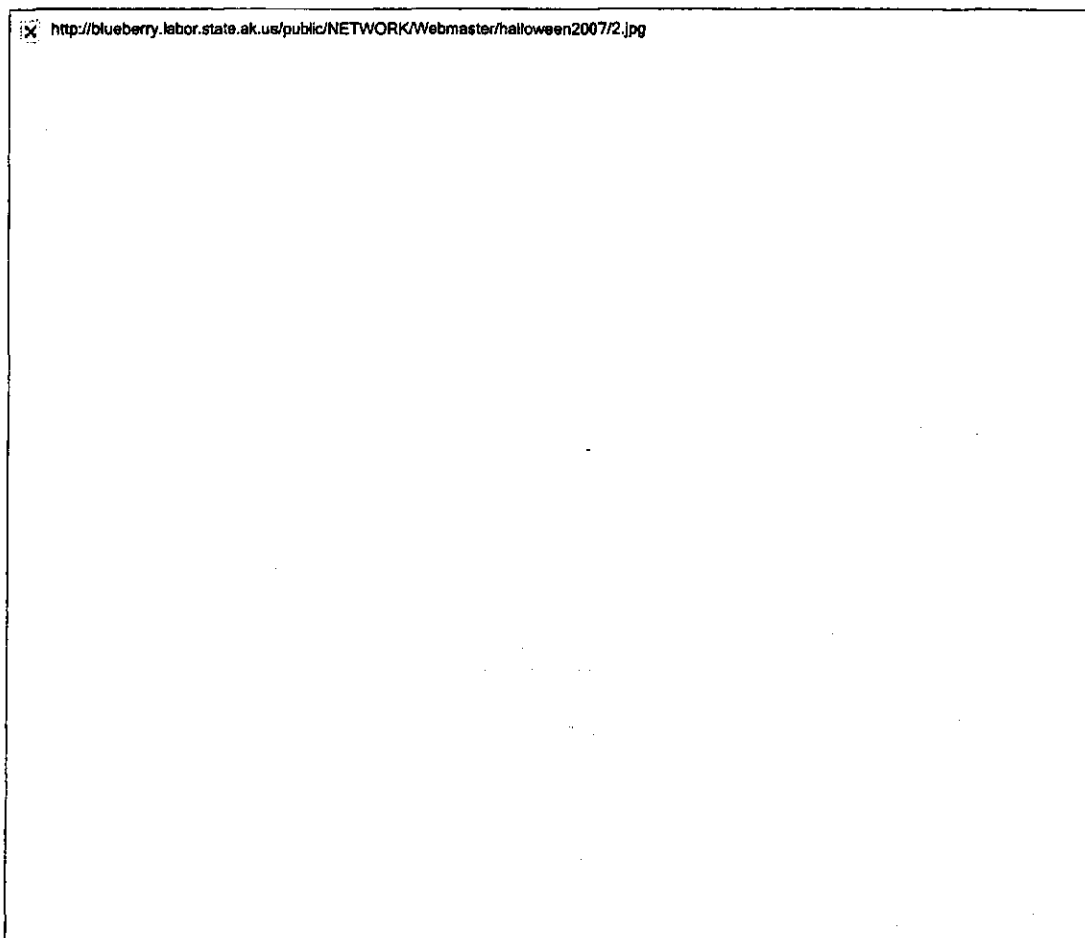
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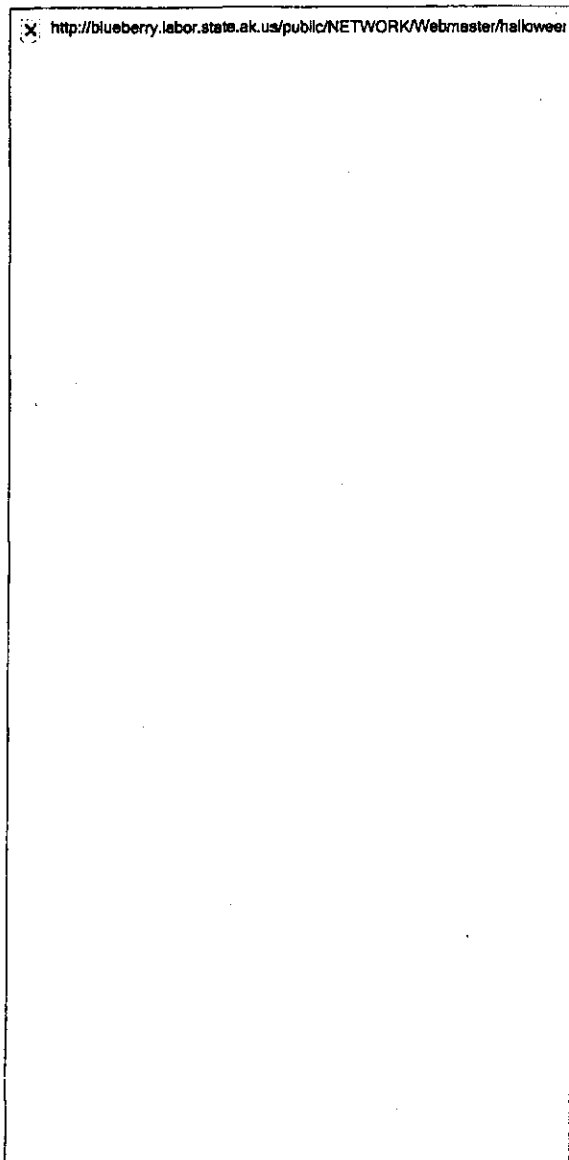
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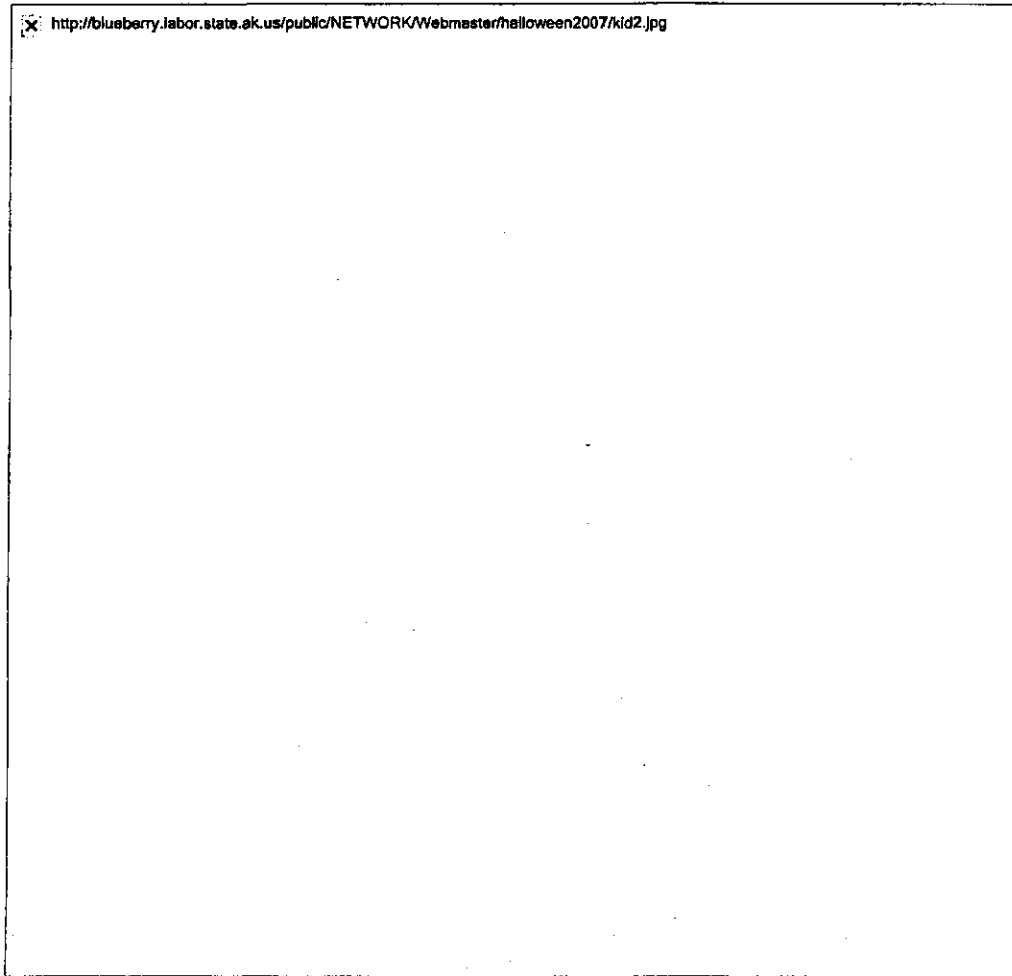
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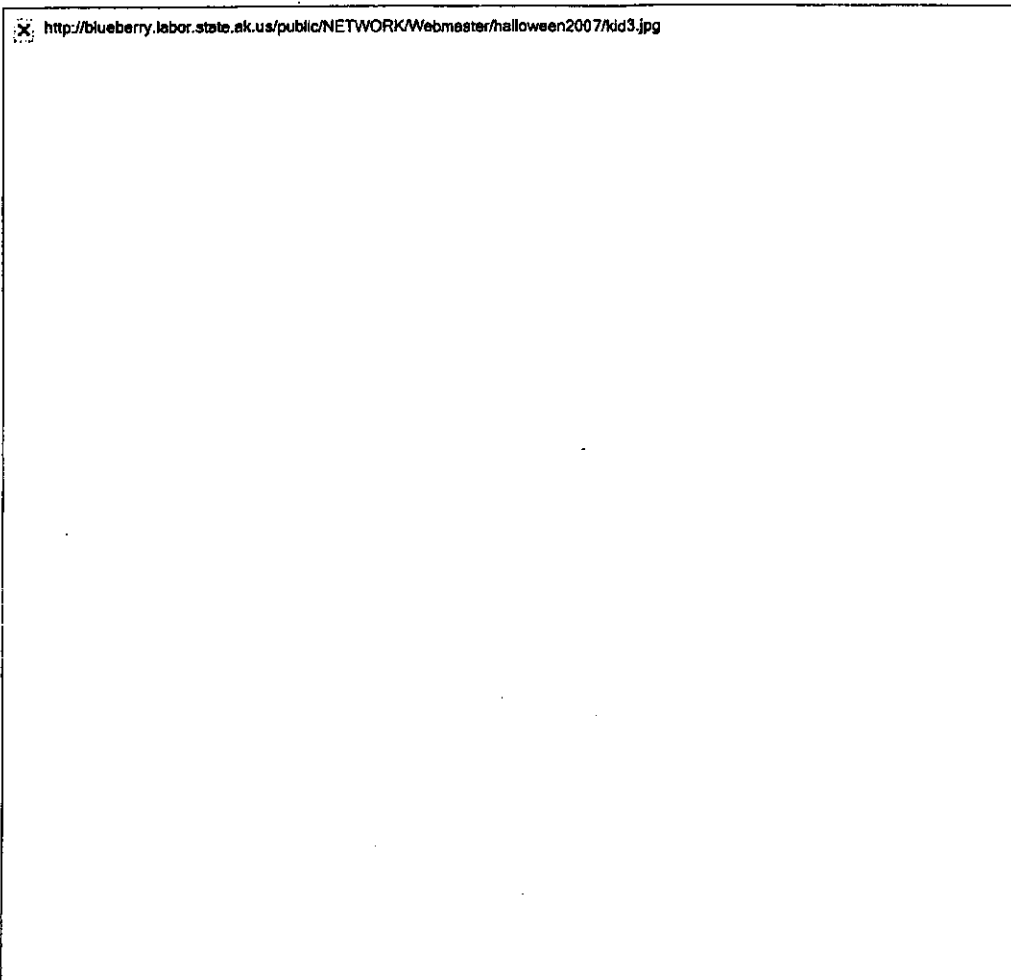
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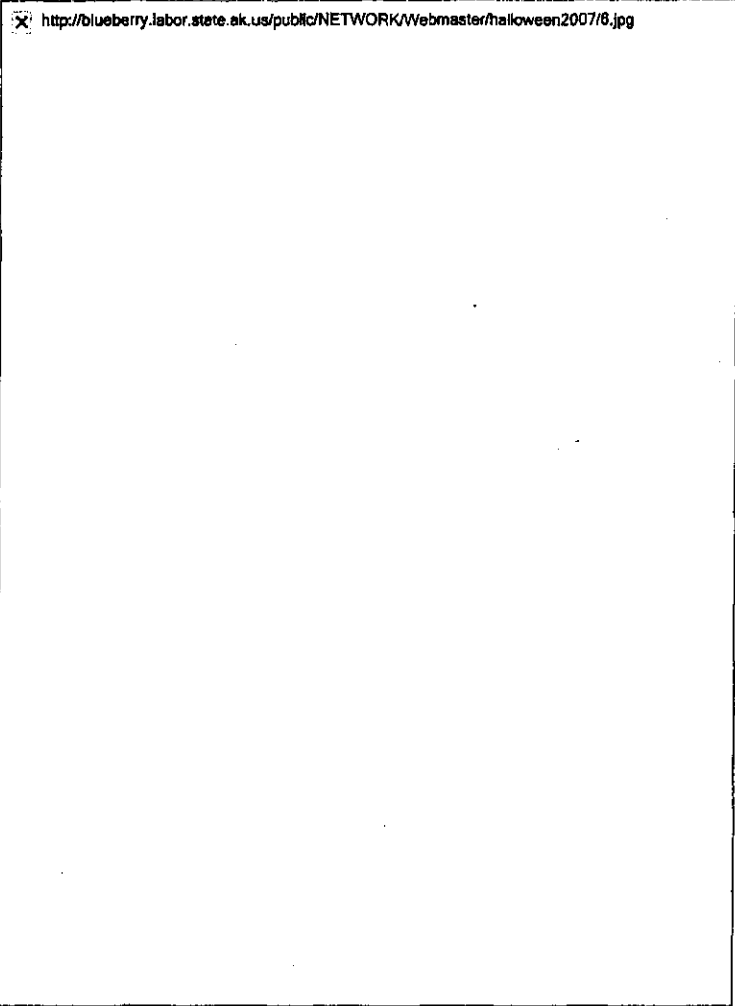
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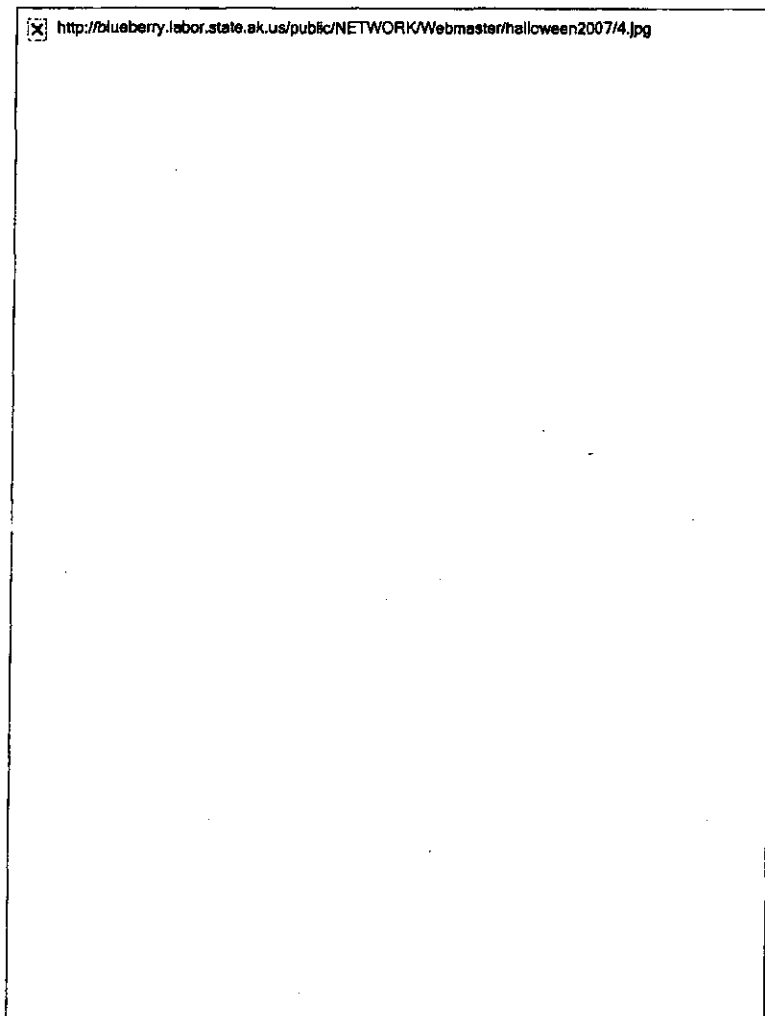
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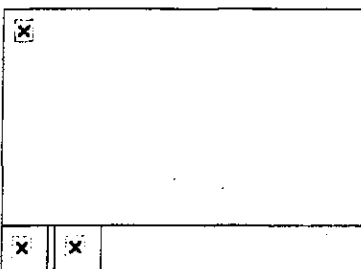
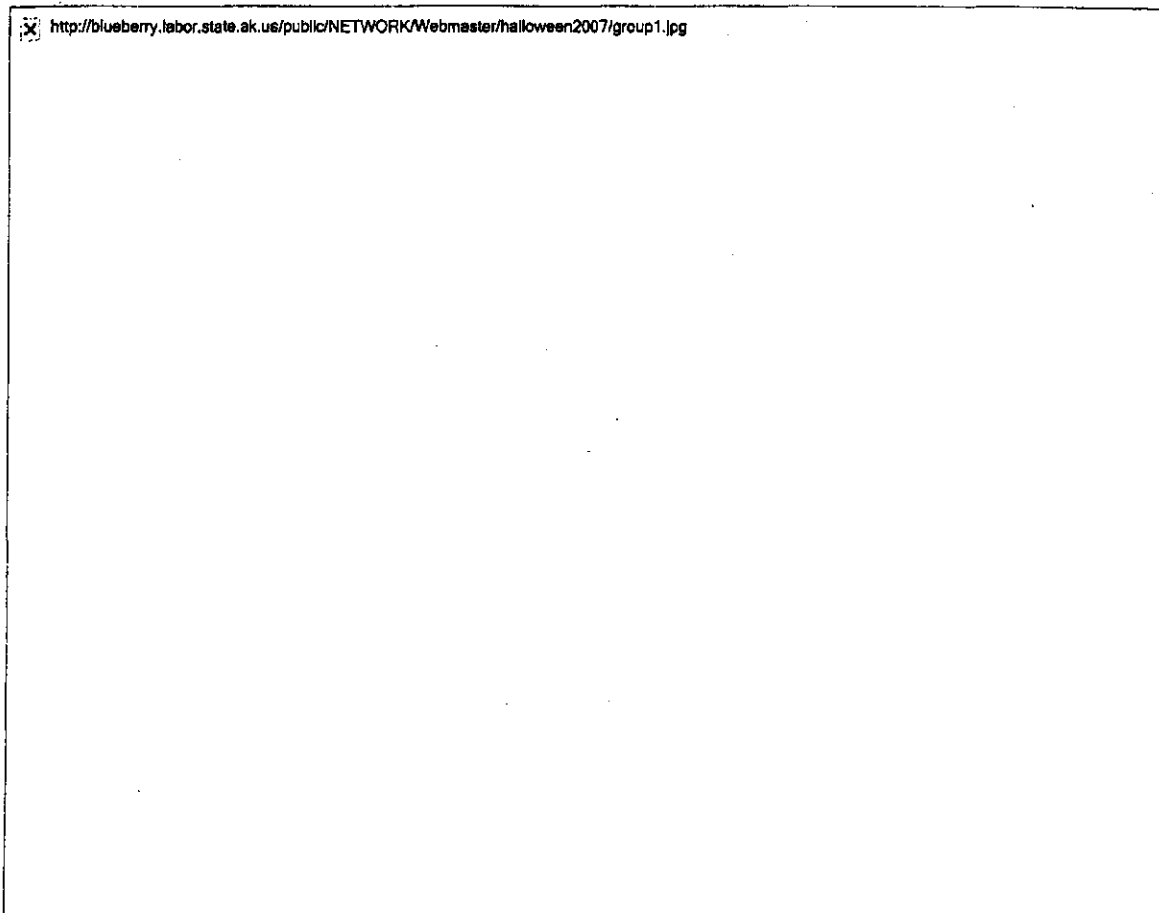
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From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 7:18 PM
To: Leschper, Beth (GOV); Frank Bailey; Sarah Palin
Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: RE: test newsletter link
The format looks great! I'm happy to share my list.

Sean

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Mon 12/17/2007 4:43 PM
To: Leschper, Beth (GOV); Frank Bailey; PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: test newsletter link

Cool! I'll look when I get to a desk. Did u touch base with the Lt. Governor and Frank on their email addy lists?
Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 17 Dec 2007 16:42:33

To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

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Governor:

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Deputy Communications Director
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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 7:40 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Save the Date -- ECS 2008 National Forum

From: Education Commission of the States [mailto:ecs@ecs.org]
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2007 11:32 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Save the Date -- ECS 2008 National Forum



**Please mark your calendars for the
2008 ECS National Forum on Education Policy.
Join us June 30 - July 2 at the Renaissance Austin Hotel in Austin,
Texas.**

You will enjoy Texas-sized hospitality and sessions that will enlighten, equip and engage. The 2008 National Forum will feature more than 16 sessions -- highlighted by thought-provoking dialogues and discussions spanning a wide spectrum of current education topics.

ECS is the only nationwide interstate compact devoted to education. And, the 2008 National Forum is the only place to network with:

- Governors, legislators and their staff
- Chief state school officers and state higher education executives
- Local and state school board members
- Foundation officials
- Business leaders
- Teachers, principals

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- College and university faculty
- Federal agency representatives
- State and national education stakeholders

Don't miss out!

For more information, you can download the following PDFs:

- **Renaissance Austin Hotel info**
- **Travel and airport information**
- **Things to see and do in Austin.**

Watch for complete program details and the opening of online registration early next year.

For any other questions, please contact us at nationalforum@ecs.org or go to our Web site at www.ecs.org/NF2008.

See you in Austin in '08

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Subject: FW: ECS Announces Two New Databases: High School Accountability and Virtual High Schools

From: Education Commission of the States [mailto:ecs@ecs.org]
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2007 11:26 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: ECS Announces Two New Databases: High School Accountability and Virtual High Schools



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The Education Commission of the States **High School Policy Center** has just released two new 50-state databases. The first database outlines **High School Accountability**, allowing users to compare indicators across the states based on both federal and state criteria. It provides information on:

- Measures of accountability
- Measures to be included in public reports to parents and other community members
- Sanctions that might be faced by low-performing schools
- Types of rewards that exist for high-performing schools and staff, both monetary and non-monetary
- Why certain state policy components matter.

This database can be found at www.ecs.org/hfdb-hsa.

The second database on **Virtual High Schools** allows users to compare across the 50 states in four categories:

- Student curriculum and access
- Teacher preparation and professional development
- Funding (whether virtual programs are state-funded or by federal or foundation support)
- Program evaluation and accountability.

The Virtual High Schools database explains why each data point matters. It can be found at www.ecs.org/hfdb-vhs.

For additional information, please reach out to Jennifer Dounay at (303-299-3689) or jdounay@ecs.org.

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 4:41 PM
To: Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Subject: Re: NRC#857334 - Pipeline spill, crude oil and produce water, Dead Horse, AK, verify regulatory authority

Thanks much Marty.

----- Original Message -----

From: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Irwin, Tom E (DNR)
Sent: Mon Dec 17 16:30:01 2007
Subject: Fw: NRC#857334 - Pipeline spill, crude oil and produce water, Dead Horse, AK, verify regulatory authority

Governor,

FYI, here is an update on the CP spill at Kuparak as of this morning. At that time they were estimating the spill at 102bbbls.

Marty

----- Original Message -----

From: Slemons, Jonne D (DNR)
To: Anders, Bruce F (DNR); Banks, Kevin R (DNR); Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)
Sent: Mon Dec 17 08:09:32 2007
Subject: FW: NRC#857334 - Pipeline spill, crude oil and produce water, Dead Horse, AK, verify regulatory authority

This spill was reported to me by phone at 10:45 am yesterday morning. CPAI also contacted Steve Schmitz, and left a message on my phone.

All information I've received is consistent with the information forwarded by PHMSA, below. I'll keep you posted.

Jonne

From: chris.hoidal@dot.gov [mailto:chris.hoidal@dot.gov]

Sent: Mon 12/17/2007 7:38 AM

To: Slemmons, Jonne D (DNR); dennis.hinnah@dot.gov; Larry.Disbrow@dot.gov

Cc: william.gute@dot.gov; Stacey.Gerard@dot.gov; Bruce.Hansen@dot.gov

Subject: FW: NRC#857334 - Pipeline spill, crude oil and produce water, Dead Horse, AK, verify regulatory authority

Jonne, attached is a short update on the cause of yesterday's Conoco Phillips release on the slope. Please feel free to contact Dennis and Larry for additional information they may have collected. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Disbrow, Larry <PHMSA>

Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 9:30 AM

To: Gute, William <PHMSA>; Hoidal, Chris <PHMSA>; Hansen, Bruce <PHMSA>

Cc: Mayberry, Alan <PHMSA>; PHP Alaska <PHMSA>; Edwards, Krista <PHMSA>; Gerard, Stacey <PHMSA>; Wiese, Jeff <PHMSA>; Skalne, Elizabeth <PHMSA>

Subject: RE: NRC#857334 - Pipeline spill, crude oil and produce water, Dead Horse, AK, verify regulatory authority

0710 Update

James Short, C-P Environmental Engineer returned my phone calls.

The pipeline is a well flow commonline, carrying the flow from wells on the 2U and 2W well pads, from the well pads to the Central Processing Facility #2 (CPF#2) at Kuparuk. It is part of the production gathering system, and not a DOT regulated pipeline.

Leak was discovered at 0133 in the morning of Sunday 12/16/2007. Line was shut in immediately, but required until around noon to depressure and the hazardous atmosphere around the leak to disperse, to allow access and evaluation. Environmental were monitoring explosive limits, benzene and H2S, until levels reached safe limits to allow access to the area.

Leak is from an 8 inch split in the pipeline, at the 8 o'clock position. The CPF#2 was having upset conditions, and operations personnel suspect a surge may have been initiated, causing the rupture. Preliminary estimates of spill are 102 bbls.

The rupture occurred in an area with no access road. An ice road is being constructed to site. The primary spill response company, Alaska Clean Seas (7 personnel) is on site, along with 15 contract workers and 12 Conoco Phillips responders. An additional 15 contract clean up workers are in transit. Estimate 50 to 60 personnel will be on site working on response today.

The rupture site has been cleaned, and the insulation has been removed, preparing the site for a sleeve. Inspection crews will access shortly.

Plan for clean up is to remove as much contaminated snow as possible. Once contaminated snow is removed, they will proceed with hot water washes to remove oil from frozen tundra.

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), Wes Ghormley arrived at site yesterday and is on site today.

James Short will follow up with pressure and flowrate of the pipeline, and developments through the day.

Larry Disbrow

I've got a call in to James Short at Conoco Phillips Environmental, Kuparuk, and am awaiting his return call.

From the description, the line that leaked is a common line, meaning the combined flow of a number of wells, flowing with 3 phase flow, from the well site, to the Central Processing Facilities (CPF).

I will post a follow up, as soon as I can gather more information.

Larry A. Disbrow

Staff Engineer

Office of Pipeline Safety - Anchorage Office, Western Region

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cell) 206 321-8364

fax) 907 271-6581

"War is an ugly thing but not the ugliest of things; the decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feelings which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse." -John Stuart Mill

-----Original Message-----

From: Gute, William <PHMSA>

Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 2:19 AM

To: Hoidal, Chris <PHMSA>; Hansen, Bruce <PHMSA>

Cc: Mayberry, Alan <PHMSA>; PHP Alaska <PHMSA>; Edwards, Krista <PHMSA>; Gerard, Stacey <PHMSA>; Wiese, Jeff <PHMSA>; Skalne, Elizabeth <PHMSA>

Subject: FW: NRC#857334 - Pipeline spill, crude oil and produce water, Dead Horse, AK, verify regulatory authority

Please follow up on this.

-----Original Message-----

From: Skalne, Elizabeth <PHMSA>

Sent: Sunday, December 16, 2007 8:45 PM

To: Gute, William <PHMSA>

Cc: Mayberry, Alan <PHMSA>

Subject: Fw: NRC#857334 - Pipeline spill, crude oil and produce water, Dead Horse, AK, verify regulatory authority

This is Alaska.

----- Original Message -----

From: CMC-01 <OST>

To: PHP Accident/Incident Cadre <PHMSA>; PHMSA PHH44 WESTERN

Cc: Robinson, Brian <OST>; CMC-01 <OST>; CMC-02 <OST>; Winslow Powell <Winslow.powell@hq.dhs.gov>

Sent: Sun Dec 16 07:29:29 2007

Subject: NRC#857334 - Pipeline spill, crude oil and produce water, Dead Horse, AK, verify regulatory authority

NRC#857334

What: A mixture of crude oil and produced water have spilled onto frozen tundra a 24 inch common pipeline. The cause of the spill is unknown at this time.

When: 16-DEC-07 at 02:33 local time

Where: City: DEAD HORSE State: AK

Incident Report # 857334

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by: CIV RENOWN CREWS at 06:49 on 16-DEC-07

Incident Type: PIPELINE

Incident Cause: UNKNOWN

Affected Area: FROZEN TUNDRA

The incident occurred on 16-DEC-07 at 02:33 local time.

Affected Medium: WATER FROZEN TUNDRA

REPORTING PARTY

Name: JAMES SHORT

Organization: CONOCO PHILLIPS

Address: PO BOX 100360

ANCHORAGE, AK 99510

CONOCO PHILLIPS called for the responsible party.

PRIMARY Phone: (907)6597242

Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: JAMES SHORT

Organization: CONOCO PHILLIPS

Address: PO BOX 100360

ANCHORAGE, AK 99510

PRIMARY Phone: (907)6597242

INCIDENT LOCATION

County: NORTH SLOPE

City: DEAD HORSE State: AK

KUPARUK RIVER FIELD / NORTH OF 2V PAD / NEAR VSM 157

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

CHRIS Code: OTH Official Material Name: OTHER OIL

Also Known As: MIXTURE OF CRUDE OIL AND PRODUCED WATER

Qty Released: 100 GALLON(S) Qty in Water: 100 GALLON(S)

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

A MIXTURE OF CRUDE OIL AND PRODUCED WATER HAVE SPILLED ONTO FROZEN TUNDRA A 24 INCH COMMON PIPELINE. THE CAUSE OF THE SPILL IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.

SENSITIVE INFORMATION

INCIDENT DETAILS

Pipeline Type: OTHER

DOT Regulated: UNKNOWN

Pipeline Above/Below Ground: ABOVE

Exposed or Under Water: NO

Pipeline Covered: UNKNOWN

---WATER INFORMATION---

Body of Water: FROZEN TUNDRA

Tributary of:

Nearest River Mile Marker:

Water Supply Contaminated: NO

IMPACT

Fire Involved: NO Fire Extinguished: UNKNOWN

INJURIES: NO Hospitalized: Empl/Crew: Passenger:
FATALITIES: NO Empl/Crew: Passenger: Occupant:
EVACUATIONS: NO Who Evacuated: Radius/Area:

Damages: NO

	Hours	Direction of
Closure Type Description of Closure	Closed	Closure

N

Air:

N

Major

Road:

Artery: N

N

Waterway:

N

Track:

Environmental Impact: NO

Media Interest: NONE Community Impact due to Material:

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

THE LINE HAS BEEN SHUT IN / A RESPONSE TEAM IS EN ROUTE

Release Secured: YES

Release Rate:

Estimated Release Duration:

WEATHER

Weather: CLEAR, °F Wind speed: 9 MPH Wind direction: SW

ADDITIONAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED

Federal: NONE
State/Local: DEC AND THE DNR
State/Local On Scene: NONE
State Agency Number: NONE

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

ALASKA DEPT OF ENVIRO CONSERVATION (MAIN OFFICE)

16-DEC-07 06:55

USCG HSOC AT DHS (USCG HSOC DESK)

16-DEC-07 06:55 (202)2828114

USCG ICC (ICC ONI)

16-DEC-07 06:55 (301)6693363

DOT CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)

16-DEC-07 06:55 (202)3661863

FEMA REGION 10 (MAIN OFFICE)

16-DEC-07 06:55 (425)4874704

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE COORD CTR (MAIN OFFICE)

16-DEC-07 06:55 (202)2829201

NOAA RPTS FOR AK (MAIN OFFICE)

16-DEC-07 06:55 (206)5264911

SECTOR ANCHORAGE (MAIN OFFICE)

(907)2716700

USCG DISTRICT 17 (COMMAND CENTER)

16-DEC-07 06:55 (907)4632000

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

NONE

*** END INCIDENT REPORT #857334 ***

Report any problems or Fax number changes by calling 1-800-424-8802

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Subject: Re: 50 hp

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Date: Mon, 17 Dec 2007 15:58:09

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: 50 hp

Just an fyi that I've spoken with Tom Irwin today and will meet with the DNR (Parks) staff tomorrow to delve into 50 hp regs. Also, I have a call into F&G (Ken Taylor, Dep. Commissioner) to do the same there. I'll let you know what I find out when I find out.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 3:56 PM
To: Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Scanned PDF / Governor's Draft Letter to Fed. Highways

Thank you. So it sounds like it's a state's rights issue that we deal with annually since '93. Thanks - certainly I can sign such a thing that has strong precedent.

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From: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 17 Dec 2007 15:02:56

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Subject: FW: Scanned PDF / Governor's Draft Letter to Fed. Highways

Governor:

DOT's Highway Safety Office has drafted a letter for your signature.
Janice said you had a few questions about it, so I did some research.

In 1990 Congress was considering a law requiring states to enact legislation revoking or suspending the driver's license of any person convicted of a drug offense. The legislation passed by the states would have to revoke or suspend the person's license even though the drug offense did not involve driving a car or motor vehicle. Congress attached financial penalties to Federal Highway funds for states that failed to comply.

Many states were upset with the federal mandate and penalties. States pressured Congress for an exception. Finally, an exception was put into the bill. The exception applies if a states' legislature passed a

resolution opposing the federal law and the Governor submits (annually) a letter stating opposition to the federal law.

In Alaska, the legislature passed HCR 10 in 1993. HCR 10 expressed opposition to the federal law and was intended to preserve the State's right to decide which laws are most effective to battle illegal drug use.

For the current fiscal year, the total possible federal sanction would be to withhold \$21.3 million in National Highway and State Transportation construction funds.

There is one statement in the draft letter from DOT that is a bit confusing. DOT is checking the language in the draft against the letter that was sent in last year. I should have a new draft for you to review tomorrow.

Thanks,

Randy

-----Original Message-----

From: imagistics6530 [mailto:imagistics6530@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 2:35 PM

To: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)

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To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Wheeler; Gary R (DPS)
Subject: Nordies

I'm walking over to nordies if u need me. Joe- we can chat more about AGIA process/announcement upon my return, eh? Thanks!

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Mike- did you get my emails last week re: regulations oversight/authority for Lt. Governor's office?

Also, did you receive re: Sharon and Communications position?

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To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

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Governor:

If the issue of establishing a law school in Alaska comes up at tomorrow's meeting with former Governor Hickel, Attorney General Colberg's office and I are working on scheduling a meeting in early January to discuss it with him.

Randy

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 10:34 AM
To: PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Re: Constituent

Neither Todd nor I have heard of him. Ugh- both Ak industry companies (bp and cp) are engaging in a pretty full-scale attack. Lighting a fuse is the way to temper what's coming from their pr people on down to their employees.

-----Original Message-----

From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Sent: Dec 17, 2007 10:27 AM
Subject: FW: Constituent

Thought I'd check with you to see if you or Todd know this BP employee before I light a fuse and get pretty strong with him??? :) Sean

A person has sent the Lt. Governor an email message. Below is the information submitted

**** Begin Submission ****

Firstname: Bryce
Lastname: Cunningham
City: Anchorage
Email: Bryce_Cunningham@hotmail.com
Topic: Oil&Gas
Message: Dear Sean,

Many of us wonder why you are so silent with regards to the raging debate on oil and gas taxes and a gas pipeline? You appear to be following happily as

Palin

leads this state towards financial disaster. I have respect for you as a person, but

do you realize that you are now viewed as a tax and spend Democrat?

That's fine,

but why not just join the Democratic party if that is more aligned with your vision?

I think it would be more honest that trying to masquerade as a Republican.

Sincerely,

Bryce

Action:

[Send Email](#)

**** End Submission ****

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 10:27 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Meeting w/Hickel

Pls sched wed morning for my errands- I'll be free for diane's tour at noon but maybe not free before that.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Mon, 17 Dec 2007 19:25:23

To: "Janice Mason" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>, "K Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Meeting w/Hickel

Shoot sorry- the reason I wanted to move Hickel was so that I'd have tuesday morning to get errands done for Christmas... The commissioners will have to meet w me tomorrow - I assume a teleconf will do if they can't all make it to Anchorage office by tomorrow.
Thanks

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 17 Dec 2007 10:02:13

To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Meeting w/Hickel

I have changed the meeting date w/Walter Hickel to Tuesday, Dec. 18 @ 10:00 a.m. - Captain Cook (his office).

Also on Tuesday, Dec. 18 if you are available we were going to have Privileged come into the office so that she could finish up the interview process.

Mike, Commissioner Jackson, and Anna Kim need to meet w/you on Wednesday, Dec. 19 @ 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. This is in regards to CON and Health Care Council. I have added this to your calendar. Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 9:19 AM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Meeting w/Hickel

Can we're meet tomorrow instead of wed then?

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 17 Dec 2007 08:44:27
To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>
Subject: Meeting w/Hickel

Governor - I just spoke w/Malcom Roberts from Hickel's office this morning. We have you scheduled for Wed., 12.19.07 @ 10:00 a.m. at the Captain Cook Pantry. Hickel's office stated that he would like to meet with you in his office at the Captain Cook as he has three issues that he would like to speak with you in regards to. This includes Gasline, Budget Priorities that they can help you with, and Institute of the North update. Malcom will also be in the meeting and stated that he is having lunch w/Kris today and will update her more before the meeting. Thanks, Janice

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 10:02 AM
To: Robl; Theresa L (LAA)
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 9:27 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Theresa Robl
address: 345 W. Sterling Hwy, #102 Homer AK 99603
907-235-0690

MESSAGE:

Good Morning from Senator Gary Stevens office in Homer.

The Homer Hockey Team will be in Juneau for a tournament on Jan. 18-20. I was asked by a parent if tours of the Governor's mansion are given, as they would be interested in having the team go through the mansion.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Teri Robl
Legislative Aide

theresa_rob1@legis.state.ak.us
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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 9:36 AM
To: rkmooseberry Meadows@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Budget

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Sunday, December 16, 2007 12:21 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Ms. Karen Sickles

address: P.O. Box 1171 Chickaloon AK 99674

907-355-4793

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin: Just a quick comment, my husband and I approve of most of your budget adjustments for the coming windfall of monies because of higher oil taxes. One concern we have is the increased spending for schools. We believe the Anchorage School District does not make use of the huge amount of monies they already receive from the State now. They are bloated by administration and paper pushers. We believe in education but we feel some auditing is in order to see where the monies really are going. We feel a consultant company from outside who is not prejudiced by being a resident of Alaska would be good. Someone like McKinsey consultant firm who is auditing the school system of Israel and our dealings with monies spent on hurricane Katrina. If big countries are concerned with how their money is spent and are looking for outside input so should we. Thanks for taking the time to listen, we think you are a great Governor. Respectively Douglas and Karen Sickles

rkmooseberry Meadows@yahoo.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 9:30 AM
To: frandancer@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Budget

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Sunday, December 16, 2007 4:07 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Susan Lane
address: POB 670115 Chugiak AK 99567

MESSAGE:

I heard about the matsu-dairy farmers--why don't they take the money allocated for the "bridge to nowhere" and put it into

the Matsu-dairy farms--and about all that milk that will go to waste can't they find a way to pastuerize and give it away to charity or something? Even sour milk can be used for many recipes and things. Maybe they could give it to some pig farmers or something if its not useable for humans--seems a shame to just throw it away. Just a few thoughts--think your doing a pretty good job as governor.

frandancer@gmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 9:15 AM
To: hughman2@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Sunday, December 16, 2007 6:11 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: hugh rosa

address: 36960 spruce cir dr p.o.box 1226 anchor point AK 99556
h.2261102c 2993559

MESSAGE:

dear governor palin,happy holidays to you and your family,. i do not want to take up your time only to wish you a happy holiday please keep up the great work you and your administertion are doing.very respectivly hugh l rosa there is no need to reply your time is important to me also ,just a little wish for the holidays:

hughman2@hotmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 9:14 AM
To: danielungier@Gmail.com
Subject: RE: Budget

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-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2007 12:51 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Mr. Daniel Ungier
address: 411 7th St Juneau AK 99801
907-586-1007

MESSAGE:

THANK YOU for including \$10 million in your budget for the proposed Alaska Housing Trust Fund. Not only is this needed in Alaska, the proposed Trust is designed to be an excellent use of resources, utilizing AHFC's earnings to do more for low-income Alaskans. I am very glad to see the Governor's Office support the Trust and hope that support is made visible in the coming legislative session!

danielungier@Gmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 9:13 AM
To: donna@ak.net
Subject: RE: Budget

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2007 5:00 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Ms. Donna Jones
address: 1524 Ismailov St. Kodiak AK 99615
907-539-6999

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Sarah Palin,

Please consider funding the Alaska Association of Conservation Districts. They administer the funding to 12 Districts throughout Alaska to partner with other entities to help assist alaskans to conserve, maintain, develop and improve our natural resources and environment. We also play an important role in educating our youth through programs such as the FFA. We have an administrative system in full place and a long track record of successful projects that we would love to share with you. We have submitted a request to you for 2.5 million dollars to fund this next fiscal year. Your funding last year of \$750,000 was greatly appreciated and was utilized to continue our work assisting with projects all for the betterment of our state. I would love to meet with you to share our successes from this last year, so you can see first hand what a great benefit and investment we are for our communities and our state.

Please consider my request. Thank you,

Donna Jones

District Manager

Kodiak Soil & Water Conservation District

donna@ak.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 9:01 AM
To: k0200935@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Education

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-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Saturday, December 15, 2007 12:43 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Education

Web mail from: Mr. William Argentino
address: P.O. Box 22345 Juneau AK 99802
(907) 321-0658

MESSAGE:

I am pleased that education is at the top of your budget although most seniors, such as myself, feel they should receive more money from this state. I am pleased for what Alaska has given me being a senior citizen and a veteran. Next month I will have a new, one-bedroom apartment thanks to Alaska Public Housing.

I'm a retired pharmacist and have received the best continuing education via online lectures because they feature only the best professors. I feel that elementary education can also be offered online providing the best and interesting education for our youth at a fraction the cost of operating a school system. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation offers online education to children in third world countries, which are too poor to afford building schools and hiring teachers.

k0200935@yahoo.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 8:08 AM
To: huebscher@acsalaska.net
Subject: RE: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2007 7:38 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Web mail from: Ms. Cornelia Huebscher
address: 232 Lance Drive, Apt. B Sitka AK 99835
907-747-6248

MESSAGE:

This is totally outrageous. Having been in the Military most of my Adult life, less and less I am starting to respect the establishment, in regards to Mental Health Care, and overall procedure on how the Military takes care of its soldiers, especially during and post deployment. To me, this is very sad.

It is especially sad, that this should not have occurred in the first place, if ALL would

What ever happened to the Suicide Prevention Program that the Army has? Apparently it is not working. 2 minuted lecture to ALL soldiers is NOT enough. What ever happened to the Buddy System, Team Work and such?

﻿ ﻿ ﻿ ﻿

NAMI Veterans Council

Cornelia G. Huebscher

Veteran/ U.S. Army

NAMI AK Liaison to NVC

Chair/ NAMI Vets Alaska

Chair/ Women Vets Subcommittee to NVC

Alternate Coordinator VISN 20

Here are a couple of links with some of her articles. One is a video Presentation with the Washington Post

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/photo/gallery/071130/GAL-07Nov30-95823/index.HTML>

Here are several articles on one page:

http://www.wikio.com/world/crisis_and_conflicts/iraq_war/elizabeth_whiteside

Suicide Attempt Prompts Court-Martial

The Washington Post | December 03, 2007

WASHINGTON - At Walter Reed Army Medical Center, 1st Lt. Elizabeth Whiteside listened last week as an Army prosecutor outlined the Criminal case against her. The charges: attempting suicide and Endangering the life of another soldier while serving in Iraq. Her hands trembled as Maj. Stefan Wolfe, the prosecutor, argued that Whiteside, now a psychiatric outpatient at Walter Reed, should be Court-martialed. After seven years of exemplary service, the 25-year-old Army reservist faces the possibility of life in prison if she is Tried and convicted.

Military psychiatrists at Walter Reed who examined Whiteside after She recovered from a self-inflicted gun wound in the stomach Diagnosed her with a severe mental disorder, possibly triggered by The stresses of a war zone. But Whiteside's superiors considered her Mental illness "an excuse" for criminal conduct, according to Documents obtained by The Washington Post.

At the hearing, Wolfe, who already had warned Whiteside's lawyer of

The risk of using a "psychobabble" defense, pressed a senior Psychiatrist at Walter Reed to justify his diagnosis.

"I'm not here to play legal games," Col. George Brandt said angrily, According to a recording of the hearing. "I am here out of the Genuine concern for a human being that's breaking and that is broken. She has a severe and significant illness. Let's treat her as a human Being."

In recent months, prodded by outrage over poor conditions at Walter Reed, the Army has made a highly publicized effort to improve Treatment of Iraq veterans and change a culture that stigmatizes Mental illness.

But outside the Pentagon, the military still often deals with mental Health issues by relying on the judgment of combat-hardened Commanders whose understanding of mental illness is vague or Misinformed. The stigma around psychological wounds still can be seen In the smallest of Army policies. While family members of Soldiers Recovering at Walter Reed from physical injuries are provided free Lodging and a per diem to care for their loved ones, families of Psychiatric outpatients usually have to pay their own way.

"It's a disgrace," said Tom Whiteside, a former Marine and retired Federal law enforcement officer who lost his free housing after his Daughter's physical wounds had healed enough that she could be moved To the psychiatric ward. A charity organization, the Yellow Ribbon Fund, provides him with an apartment near Walter Reed so he can be Near his daughter.

Under military law, Soldiers who attempt suicide can be prosecuted Under the theory that it affects the order and discipline of a unit And brings discredit to the armed forces. In reality, criminal

Charges are extremely rare unless there is evidence the attempt was
An effort to avoid service or endangered others.

Elizabeth Whiteside almost accepted the Army's offer to resign in
Lieu of court-martial. But it meant she would have to explain for the
Rest of her life why she was not given an honorable discharge. Her
Attorney also believed she would have been left without the medical
Care and benefits. No decision has yet been made on whether
Whiteside's case will proceed to court-martial.

NAMI StigmaBuster Alert: December 12, 2007

Fighting Stigma in the Military

The federal Resource Center to Address Discrimination & Stigma Associated With Mental
Illness (ADS Center) will sponsor a free teleconference training on Reducing Stigma for
American Soldiers on Thursday, December 20, 2007 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.(ET).

huebscher@acsalaska.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 7:35 AM
To: mrlaws@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Friday, December 14, 2007 1:51 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. michelle laws
address: 5136 caribou ave anchorage AK 99508
907-222-7569

MESSAGE:

I just want to say Im really proud of you...You have really made a difference for Alaska.
Good Job...

Happy Holidays,

Michelle Laws

mrlaws@gmail.com

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 7:32 AM
To: meyerclint@alaska.com
Subject: RE: Ak_History_Facts

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2007 8:26 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Ak_History_Facts

Web mail from: clint meyer

address: 2976 moose mtn. rd fairbanks AK 99709

MESSAGE:

Just a note to wish you and your's a very happy holidays! Wanted to thank you for being one of the BEST governor's we've had in this state since Governor Hammond. I tend to vote for the other party but not this time, just had a gut feeling about you an it was right!!!! Thanks again for putting all Alaskans and Alaska first, your caring is not going unnoticed.

meyerclint@alaska.com

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 7:01 AM
To: Katz; John W (GOV); Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Persily; Larry A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Draft Letter to U.S. Senate Finance Committee from 5Governors

Thank you.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Mon, 17 Dec 2007 08:49:27

To: "Randy Ruaro" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>, <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: "M Nizich" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>, "Larry Persily" <lpersily@ALASKADC.org>

Subject: Re: Draft Letter to U.S. Senate Finance Committee from 5
Governors

Just to confirm, the Congressional delegation is supportive. We have been working closely with them on this. The Senate deletion was an unpleasant surprise for everyone.

I don't know whether this letter is worth a press release on a slow news day. Perhaps, we should wait to see the final result.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

>>> On 12/14/2007 at 11:13 PM, in message <24177809-1197691988-cardhu_decombobulator_blackberry.rim.net-328450925-@bxel28.bisx.prod.on.blackberry>, <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> wrote:

Sounds good. Sounds like our delegation must agree, so pls sign my name. Thank you.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 14 Dec 2007 14:48:10

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc: "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>, "Persily, Larry A (GOV)" <lpersily@alaskadc.org>, "Katz, John W (GOV)" <jwkatz@alaskadc.org>

Subject: Draft Letter to U.S. Senate Finance Committee from 5 Governors

Governor:

The DC Office has advised that when the Senate passed HR 3997 last month, it stripped out some language several states (including Alaska) supported related to veterans mortgage bonds.

Specific to Alaska, language was stripped out that would have raised the federal cap on the amount of tax exempt veterans mortgage bonds that could be issued by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation. AHFC's veterans mortgage program is in danger of running out of funds for lending if Congress does not increase the cap.

Several other states are in a similar position or have other language changes they want Congress to pass into law. The House Ways and Means Committee is planning to try and force the Senate to consider the bill again with the provisions back in it.

These states have drafted a letter to the Chair and Ranking Minority Member of the Senate Finance Committee and are asking Governors from several states to sign the letter this Monday. With your approval, I will work with Larry Persily to get your signature electronically put into the letter so it can be delivered to the Senators this coming Monday.

Thanks.

Randy

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From: John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 7:58 AM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Cc: K Perry; Tom Irwin; Sam Bishop; Denby Lloyd; Janice Mason; Michael Tibbles; Mike Nizich
Subject: Re: Polar Bears/Governor's Briefing

Janice, I'll ask Henri to call you directly to set something up.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

>>> On 12/17/2007 at 11:56 AM, in message <972475681-1197910611-cardhu_decombobulator_blackberry.rim.net-149583566-@bxel28.bisx.prod.on.blackberry>, <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> wrote:

Sounds great. We'll plan on it.

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Mon, 17 Dec 2007 11:52:36

To: "Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: "Tom Irwin" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>, "Sam Bishop"

<sbishop@ALASKADC.org>, "Denby Lloyd"

<denby_lloyd@fishgame.state.ak.us>, "Janice Mason"

<janice_mason@gov.state.ak.us>, "Michael Tibbles"

<michael_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>, "Mike Nizich" <mike_nizich@gov.state.ak.us>

Subject: Polar Bears/Governor's Briefing

The Secretary of the Interior has asked Mark Myers, Director of the = US Geological Survey, and Henri Bisson, Deputy Director of the BLM and = Senior Alaska Advisor, to come to Alaska during the first or second week = of January to brief you on their work to prepare the administrative = record for the polar bear decision.

Specifically, they would like to talk to you about the Department's = response to State comments on the various USGS science reports.&n= bsp; Bisson is requesting an hour of your time. The Secretary is = expected to render his final decision on a possible listing of polar = bears under the ESA by the end of January.

Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

8/25/2009

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Please note that my email address has = changed. My new email address = is
<mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> jwkatz@alaskadc.org. = Thank you .

8/25/2009

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Unknown

From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 10:06 AM
To: govpalin@alaska.gov
Subject: Halloween Pics - Dept. of Labor

Governor - FYI. They mentioned that you had asked to see these pics. Thanks, Janice

From: Matunding, Helen Leimomi (DOL)
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2007 1:11 PM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: Annual Halloween Costume Judging Party at Dept of Labor

Dear Governor Palin,

Enclosed is a copy of our 2007 Annual Halloween Costume Judging at Department of Labor..

For several years, I have attempted to create a Halloween Party better than last years and it just gets better all the time! Everyone here has had a wonderful time being a child at heart so to speak. This year we had so

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From: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RPRUARO]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 3:03 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Scanned PDF / Governor's Draft Letter to Fed. Highways

Governor:

DOT's Highway Safety Office has drafted a letter for your signature. Janice said you had a few questions about it, so I did some research.

In 1990 Congress was considering a law requiring states to enact legislation revoking or suspending the driver's license of any person convicted of a drug offense. The legislation passed by the states would have to revoke or suspend the person's license even though the drug offense did not involve driving a car or motor vehicle. Congress attached financial penalties to Federal Highway funds for states that failed to comply.

Many states were upset with the federal mandate and penalties. States pressured Congress for an exception. Finally, an exception was put into the bill. The exception applies if a states' legislature passed a resolution opposing the federal law and the Governor submits (annually) a letter stating opposition to the federal law.

In Alaska, the legislature passed HCR 10 in 1993. HCR 10 expressed opposition to the federal law and was intended to preserve the State's right to decide which laws are most effective to battle illegal drug use.

For the current fiscal year, the total possible federal sanction would be to withhold \$21.3 million in National Highway and State Transportation construction funds.

There is one statement in the draft letter from DOT that is a bit confusing. DOT is checking the language in the draft against the letter that was sent in last year. I should have a new draft for you to review tomorrow.

Thanks,

Randy

-----Original Message-----

From: imagistics6530 [mailto:imagistics6530@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 2:35 PM

To: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)

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From: Perez, Linda J (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=LJPerez]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 9:54 AM
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: RE: Email

Governor,

I did receive both emails and responded to each. I've copied the information below. I'm sorry that you did not receive either email. Both went as "reply" emails to you. Please let me know if you receive this email. If I don't hear from you today, I'll send this information to Kris Perry to print off for you.

Linda

Governor,

I'm not sure if you received this reply yesterday -- I'm forwarding this to your yahoo account as its unclear to me if you received it as a "reply" to your email.

-----Original Message-----

From: Perez, Linda J (GOV)
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2007 8:25 AM
To: ExternalEmailgsp
Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: RE: Evaluation for Michael Tibbles

Good Morning Governor,

Typically you only do your chief of staff and scheduler/secretary. The other senior staff evaluations are done by the chief or deputy chief of staff. It is common practice that on each yearly anniversary the appointed exempts also receive an evaluation and merit increase if the evaluator feels its earned... the merit increase is usually 3.5%. This is a fairly consistent practice throughout state government.

In the past, senior staff always received merit increases so I do budget increases for all staff annually.

-----Original Message-----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 9:43 AM

To: Perez, Linda J (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Email

Did you recive emails I sent last wk, following up w questions on evaluations? I resent on Dec 12.

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 8:51 AM
To: Sarah Palin
Cc: fek9wnr@yahoo.com
Subject: FW: Fur hat for Governor

Please let me know if this is what was decided upon and they can begin. Thanks, Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: Stepovich, Melissa M (GOV)
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 8:27 AM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Fur hat for Governor

Janice,

Would you mind checking with the Governor on her hat preference?

Thank you for everything!!!!!!

Melissa M. Stepovich

Director

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-----Original Message-----

From: Randall Zarnke [mailto:itrap2@pci.net]
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2007